

**SENATE CONCURRENT
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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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**MISHLER, ZAKAS, BRODEN,
ARNOLD**

_____, read first time and referred to Committee on _____



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2 Principal of Penn High School, for being named the 2015 State High
3 School Principal of the Year.

4 *Whereas, On November 22, 2015, the Indiana Association*
5 *of High School Principals named Steve Hope, Principal of*
6 *Penn High School in Mishawaka, Indiana, as the 2015 State*
7 *High School Principal of the Year;*

8 *Whereas, In the Spring of 2015, Hope had been recognized*
9 *as District 2 High School Principal of the Year, but at the 2015*
10 *Principals of the Year Recognition Celebration, Hope was also*
11 *awarded the highest honor;*

12 *Whereas, Throughout Hope's nearly eight years as*
13 *Principal of Penn High School, the school's graduation rate*
14 *has increased from 79% in 2008 to 97% in 2014; the Indiana*
15 *Department of Education has named Penn an A-rated school;*
16 *and Hope has transitioned the large high school of 3,500*
17 *students into a small learning community structure made up of*
18 *seven schools, each of which supports college and career*
19 *readiness while providing specialty education based on*
20 *students' academic and professional interests;*

21 *Whereas, Penn High School has also partnered with Ivy*
22 *Tech Community College under Hope's leadership to develop*
23 *an Early College Academy, which offers students the*
24 *opportunity to begin working on college requirements while*



1 *simultaneously fulfilling courses for graduation at Penn High*
2 *School;*

3 *Whereas, Hope has focused on the professional*
4 *development of others throughout his tenure as well, serving as*
5 *a mentor to Penn High School's teachers and staff;*

6 *Whereas, Prior to being named Principal, Hope served as*
7 *an art teacher at the school in 1996, was named Dean of*
8 *Students in 1998, Director of Counseling in 2001, Assistant*
9 *Principal in 2003, Associate Principal in 2005, and Principal*
10 *of Penn High School in 2008;*

11 *Whereas, Hope obtained his Bachelor of Arts from Western*
12 *Michigan University, his Master of Science in Secondary*
13 *Education and Educational Leadership from Indiana University*
14 *South Bend, and Hope will receive his Doctorate in Education*
15 *Leadership from Purdue University in May 2017; and*

16 *Whereas, Hope is married to his loving wife Becky, with*
17 *whom he has three daughters, Mairede, Cecilla, and Savannah:*
18 *Therefore,*

19 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*
20 *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

21 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly congratulates
22 Steve Hope, Principal of Penn High School, for being named the 2015
23 State High School Principal of the Year.

24 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
25 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Principal Steve Hope.

